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Paper Cities Kennel Club

Meeting Notices

The Paper Cities Kennel Club will meet Wednesday, March 17th at 7:30 pm at Willow Springs Gardens off of Hwy. K in Wausau.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Annie's Restaurant in Wausau.

In case of questionable weather or road conditions, contact any officer or board member after 5:30 p.m. on the day of the meeting to verify whether the meeting will be held

Announcements

Set up for the Match is Sat. March 13th at 6:30 PM. At the armory.

Nominations for groups for the raffle need to be sent directly to Paula she is not on the yahoo list.

pcrotteau@charter.net

If anyone wants to be our liaison with Globe University please contact Sue Wiesneske. She has the information about it.

We need people to sign up for the club committees.
Here is a list of the committees and what they are:

Paper Cities Kennel Club Committees

Awards Committee

Responsible for collecting information for the awards presented at the annual awards banquet, purchasing these awards, presenting them to the recipients, and planning the banquet.

Property Committee

Responsible for conducting and maintaining a written inventory of club property, one copy to be stored in the club trailer, and one copy on file with the Recording Secretary. Responsible for transportation and set up of equipment at any club function and returning it to storage when not in use. Recommends purchase of additional equipment when needed.

Newsletter Committee

Responsible for compiling and printing the monthly newsletter.

Public Relations Committee

Responsible for public relations for all media for publicity of club events such as matches, clinics, demonstrations, etc. Publishes a deadline guideline for other committees to adhere to when submitting items needing publicity; all other club committees are required to meet this deadline when submitting their information for publicity. PR Committee will not be responsible for annual dog show publicity, newsletter information, or match premium list. All other committees should work with the PR Committee when publicizing their events so that consistency is maintained in all public relations.

Audit Committee

Examines the records of the Treasurer and reports its findings to the Club at the April meeting. This normally entails one meeting of the committee per year, for the purpose of doing the examination, plus the coordination of the efforts of the Treasurer to ensure the necessary records are available at that meeting. Committee must consist of 3 members. If the Treasurer is a member, then there must be 3 members in addition to the Treasurer. This committee is required by the club By-laws.

Historian

Responsible for keeping a club scrapbook of newspaper clippings and a photo album of club events.

By-Laws Committee

Responsible for updating the club Constitution and By-laws and submitting any changes to the AKC.
(Board note: This committee is not expected to be needed this year.)

Membership Committee

Responsible for providing information about the club to interested persons, promoting appropriate memberships for the club, and providing membership packets to new member applicants. Responsible for establishing a program of greeting visitors and new members. Does follow-up contacts with members absent for three or more meetings, and with potential applicants.

Sunshine Committee

Recognizes club members in times of sorrow or happiness as committee determines is appropriate.

Education/Training Programs Committee

Responsible for establishing puppy kindergarten, conformation training, and/or obedience training classes. Determines times, locations, and trainers. Coordinates instruction of these classes. Works with Public Relations Committee to publicize classes open to the general public. Also responsible for coordinating "workout" sessions for club members.

Program Committee

Responsible for arranging educational and/or entertaining programs to be presented at club meetings periodically throughout the year. A minimum of four and a maximum of eight programs are recommended.

Hospitality Committee

Responsible for planning Christmas party held at the December meeting. Responsible for refreshments at occasional other meetings, at the discretion of the committee.

Party Animal Committee

Organizes informal club dinners, picnics, and other social events.

Canine Ambassadors Committee

Responsible for developing and presenting demonstrations for service clubs, youth groups, schools, malls, etc. Does not include the annual Mall Dog Fair. Works with Public Relations Committee to publicize events as needed.

Seminar Committee

Responsible for setting up educational seminars open to the public based on members' suggestions of topics. Includes contacts with the speaker(s), accommodations, meals, publicity, financial arrangements, dates, times, and locations. Works with Public Relations Committee to publicize events.

Show & Obedience Trial Committee

Plans and implements all aspects of the show and obedience trial. Chairperson selection requires approval of Board.

Match Committee

Responsible for conducting annual B-OB match. Chairperson selection requires approval of Board.

Mall Dog Fair

Responsible for coordinating the annual mall dog fair. Works with Public Relations Committee to publicize event.

Daffy Match Committee

Responsible for planning the "Dogs Are Fun For You" match, normally held in conjunction with the August meeting. (Note: Hasn't been held for several years)

Public Education Coordinator

Responsible for education of the general public on the importance of responsible dog ownership. Orders materials from AKC to be used at club functions. Handles telephone information on pet care, training, and selection of a reputable breeder. This is an AKC-required club position. One person is the Public Education Coordinator, and may form a committee at his/her discretion.

Legislative Liaison

Monitors local news and stays aware of issues which may impact the purebred dog fancy. Prepares club for action should a legislative initiative arise that requires input from purebred dog owners and breeders. This is an AKC-recommended club position. One person is the official AKC Legislative Liaison, and may form a committee at his/her discretion.

Parliamentarian

Responsible for keeping order at meetings by making sure Roberts Rules of Order are followed. One person.

Kids Dog Show

Plan and coordinates kids dog show, a fun event for children and their pet dogs. Wrapped into Bark in the Park w/HSMC.

Goals

Reviews club's activities and financial standing, and suggests goals for the club.

Mall Demo

Thanks to all who participated in the mall demo and helped out in one way or another. . I wish I could have been there but new babies come first. I heard a lot of good things about how the day went . We have so

many good members in our club who get out there and "just do it" & it makes everything run smoothly for all . We were missing a few of our usual suspects who had other things going on, but we had a number of new additions in the form of new members, soon to be again old members, and a few non-members who came to participate. I was told there was around 20 people present .

Thanks also to Jane & Dave Beste for inviting us to the Elks for the pre-setup dinner on Friday evening which is always a highlight.

Vickie

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	WHO(contact)
March 03	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
March 6-7	Wis. Kennel Club, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
March 6-7	Belle-City Kennel Club	Belleville, IL	Onofrio Dog Shows
March 6-7	Detroit Kennel Club	Detroit, MI	MB-F
March 13-14	Logansport Kennel Club	Auburn, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
March 14	PCKC Match	Armory	Wausau, WI
March 17	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI
March 27-28	Dubuque Kennel Club	Dubuque, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
March 28-29	Clinton Iowa Kennel Club	De Witt	Onofrio Dog Shows
April 07	PCKC Board Meeting	Annies Restaurant	Wausau, WI
April. 9-11	Saginaw Valley Kennel Club	Birch Run, MI	MB-F
April. 10-11	Kennel Club of Yorkville Illinois	DeKalb, IL	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 17-18	Indianhead Kennel Club	Eau Claire, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 17-18	Steele City Kennel Club, Inc.	Crown Point, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April 21	PCKC Meeting	Willow Springs G.	Wausau, WI
April. 24-25	Fond Du Lac County KC	Fond Du Lac, WI	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 24-25	Waterloo Kennel Club	Waterloo, IA	Onofrio Dog Shows
April. 22	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 23	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 24	Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows
April. 25	Bloomington Indiana KC, Inc.	Terre Haute, IN	Roy Jones Dog Shows

****Interesting Web Sites****

Info Dog Site: <http://www.infodog.com/default.htm>

American Kennel Club: <http://www.akc.org/index.cfm>

Merck Veterinary Manual: <http://www.merckvetmanual.com/mvm/index.jsp>

Natural Holistic Health Care: <http://www.naturalholistic.com/nhpc/index.html>

EARS - Emergency Animal Rescue Service: <http://www.uan.org/ears/>

The Dog Press News: <http://www.thedogplace.com/TheDogPress/dogpress.asp>

Therapy Dogs of Central Wisconsin: <http://www.wi-tdi-dogs.org/>

Amber Alert site for missing dogs: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/K9AmberAlert/>

Family Sanctuary at Peaceful Pines: <http://www.pppmemorials.com/FamilySanctuary.aspx>

Article on Bloat: <http://www.briard.com/about/liebesbloat.html>

Site about responsible breeders: http://www.akc.org/breeders/resp_breeding/resources.cfm

Lakeshore Pembroke Welsh Corgi Rescue: <http://www.lakeshorecorgirescue.com/castaways.html>

Dog Federation of Wisconsin: <http://www.dfow.org/newsletter.htm>

Dr. Patricia McConnell has a blog for training dogs: <http://www.theotherendoftheleash.com/>

Canine Vision: <http://www.uwsp.edu/PSYCH/dog/LA/DrP4.htm>

Some new web sites:

HOW TO TABULATE POINTS: <http://www.onofrio.com/jodstwo/fyi/fgrpts.html>

Canine Health Foundation: <http://www.caninehealthfoundation.org/>

Blood Test for Cancer in dogs: <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/Veterinary+news/First-blood-test-unveiled-for-cancer-detection-in-/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/657623>

Stem cell therapy for canine hip dysplasia: <http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/dpp/news/stem-cell-therapy-helps-end-dog%27s-pain-030310>



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: February 8, 2010 Contact: AKC Communications Phone: 212-696-8343 Email: communications@akc.org

AKC HUMANE FUND SEEKS ENTRIES FROM ACROSS THE NATION FOR 11TH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR CANINE EXCELLENCE

New York, NY

Heroes, like dogs, come in all shapes and sizes. Over the last decade, thousands of dog lovers have nominated special canines for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence (ACE). ACE nominees range from skilled assistance dogs and law enforcement K-9s that keep U.S. citizens safe to Search & Rescue dogs who have aided in recovery missions and Therapy dogs who provided much needed comfort in the wake of tragic national events such as the Oklahoma City bombing, the attacks on 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Equally important are the companions who aspire to be champion leg warmers at the foot of their owner's bed at night.

Each Year ACE honorees are recognized nationally and five dogs are chosen who have performed an exemplary act or series of acts, whether large or seemingly small, that have significantly benefited a community or individual. One award is given in the following five categories: law enforcement, search and rescue, therapy, service, and exemplary companion dog. Honorable Mentions are awarded to outstanding entries in each category.

An ACE nomination is a prestigious way to pay tribute to the canines who devote their lives to making ours better. In addition to the prestige of being chosen from hundreds of entries, each of the five honorees receives a cash award of \$1,000, an engraved sterling silver collar medallion and an all-expenses-paid trip for dog and owner to Long Beach, Calif., to be honored at the tenth annual *AKC/Eukanuba National Championship* in December 2010. The engraved names of the five recipients will also be added to the ACE plaque that is on permanent display in the AKC's Library in New York City. Dogs receiving honorable mention will be awarded an engraved bronze medallion. All entrants will receive an ACE Certificate of Recognition in acknowledgement of their nomination.

Anyone, including the dog's owner or handler, may submit a nomination. Submissions for the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence for 2010 must include:

- A non-returnable, original photograph of the dog. Hi-resolution electronic photos provided on a disc are permissible but not scans. (electronic requirements: 300dpi and at least 5x7 inches or, 72dpi at least 20x30 inches)
- A 500-word-or-less description of how the dog has demonstrated excellence.
- Dog's call name, registered name if applicable, breed, age and sex.
- Owner/Nominator name(s), address, phone number. E-mail address if available.

*Please note that to be considered, dogs are not required to be AKC registered but must be an AKC recognized breed.

Nominations will be accepted until June 30, 2010 and should be sent to:

Ronald N. Rella: ACE Awards 2010

c/o The American Kennel Club Humane Fund

260 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor

New York, New York 10016

For more information about the ACE awards or to download a nomination form visit <http://www.akchumanefund.org>

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The AKC Humane Fundsm, founded by the American Kennel Club[®] in 2008, was created to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making. Through its programs, the AKC Humane Fund's goals are to: support Parent Club Rescue activities; assist shelters for domestic abuse victims that permit pets; provide resources for responsible dog ownership education; contribute to non-profit organizations that support its mission. Contributions to the AKC Humane Fund are fully tax deductible as allowed by law under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

The American Kennel Club, founded in 1884, is a not-for-profit organization which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 20,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

Restricted or banned dog breeds

Information from ADOA (American Dog Owners Association <http://www.adoa.org/>) Dean A. Ayers - February 6, 2010 - source

There are currently 75 restricted or banned dog breeds across the U.S. that are banned by various home owner insurance companies and Animal laws as follows:

1. AIREDALE TERRIER
2. AKBASH
3. AKITA
4. ALAPAHA BLUE BLOOD BULLDOG
5. ALASKAN MALAMUTE
6. ALSATIAN SHEPHERD
7. AMERICAN BULLDOG
8. AMERICAN HUSKY
9. AMERICAN PIT BULL TERRIER
10. AMERICAN STAFFORDSHIRE TERRIER
11. AMERICAN WOLFD OG
12. ANATOLIAN SHEPHERD
13. ARIKARA DOG
14. AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG
15. AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD
16. BELGIAN MALINOIS
17. BELGIAN SHEEPDOG
18. BELGIAN TURVUREN
19. BLUE HEELER
20. BOERBUL
21. BORZOI
22. BOSTON TERRIER
23. BOUVIER DES FLANDRES
24. BOXER
25. BULLDOG
26. BULL TERRIER
27. BULL MASTIFF
28. CANE CORSO
29. CATAHOULA LEOPARD DOG
30. CAUCASIAN SHEPHERD
31. CHINESE SHAR PEI
32. CHOW-CHOW
33. COLORADO DOG
34. DOBERMAN PINSCHER
35. DOGO DE ARGENTINO
36. DOGUE DE BORDEAUX
37. ENGLISH MASTIFFS
38. ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL
39. ESKIMO DOG
40. ESTRELA MOUNTAIN DOG
41. FILA BRASILIENSO
42. FOX TERRIER
43. FRENCH BULLDOG
44. GERMAN SHEPHERD DOG
45. GOLDEN RETRIEVER
46. GREENLAND HUSKY
47. GREAT DANE
48. GREAT PYRENEES
49. ITALIAN MASTIFF
50. KANGAL DOG
51. KEESHOND
52. KOMONDOR
53. KOTZEBUE HUSKY
54. KUVAZ
55. LABRADOR RETRIEVER
56. LEONBERGER
57. MASTIFF
58. NEAPOLITAN MASTIFF
59. NEWFOUNDLAND
60. OTTERHOUND
61. PRESA DE CANARIO
62. PRESA DE MALLORQUIN
63. PUG
64. ROTTWEILER
65. SAARLOOS WOLFHOND
66. SAINT BERNARD
67. SAMOYED
68. SCOTTISH DEERHOUND
69. SIBERIAN HUSKY
70. SPANISH MASTIFF
71. STAFFORDSHIRE BULL TERRIER
72. TIMBER SHEPHERD
73. TOSA INU
74. TUNDRA SHEPHERD
75. WOLF SPITZ

How's that for scary? Are you as a responsible owner, of one of these dog breeds wide awake now? How about just owning a dog that looks like one of these restricted or banned dog breeds?

K-9 Obedience Training Club of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin presents:

Adele Yunck's Competition Obedience: A Balancing Act

April 17 & 18, 2010

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

At: K-9 OTC N56 W20326 Silver Spring Dr. Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Cost: Working spots \$200 Auditing spots \$100

Join us for a "hands and paws" on seminar where you will learn the basics of training each obedience exercise (Novice, Open, Utility) as well as honing your skills as a trainer and handler. Adele will discuss and demonstrate her training philosophy and techniques for developing and keep a good attitude and accuracy in your canine partner. Adele's approach is to use a balance of food, toys, and fun when teaching, and fair corrections as needed. You will have ample time on the floor to try out the techniques.

- Adele has earned 5 OTCH titles (Flat Coats, Australian Terrier, and Border Terrier)
- She has authored a number of books on competitive obedience.
- Adele is a Rally and Novice obedience judge. She owns Northfield Dog Training.

To obtain a flyer for this seminar go to K-9's website at: www.k9otc.com
or use this link: <http://bmkealu.u26.broadweb.net/docs/YunckSeminar.pdf>

For more information contact: Debbie Zak at dlzak@aol.com.



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Date: February 24, 2010 Contact: Lisa Peterson Phone: 212-696-8360 E-mail: lxp@akc.org

U. S. SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S 125 YEARS OF GOOD WORKS FOR ALL DOGS *- Senate Resolution 393 Joins Earlier House of Representatives Resolution 160 -*

New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC), the nation's largest and only not-for-profit all-breed dog registry, is pleased to announce that in honor of its 125th anniversary, the United States Senate passed S. Res. 393 yesterday in recognition of AKC's many years of contributions to responsible dog owners and breeders across America.

Introduced by Senator Kay Hagen (D-NC) and Senator Richard Burr (R-NC), this measure has now passed both the House and Senate, giving formal national and congressional recognition to AKC and dedication to its mission of promoting responsible dog ownership through public education programs and protecting the rights of all dog owners for continued enjoyment of their companions.

Representative David Price (D-NC) pioneered a similar resolution supported by 53 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives, H. Con. Res. 160, which passed on a roll call vote of 419-0 in conjunction with AKC's 125th Anniversary - Sept. 17, 2009.

"We feel incredibly privileged to be recognized by the United States Congress for the work we've been doing for more than a century," said AKC President and CEO Dennis Sprung. "The AKC plans to continue its good works, most recently donating \$25,000 from the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund – which has given out more than \$3 million to date – to the United States Police Canine Association in support of the search and rescue K-9s that saved lives in Haiti."

AKC and its state federations support reasonable laws that protect the rights of dog owners and breeders while ensuring the integrity of the purebred dog and the welfare of all dogs. The AKC's policies and positions are well-publicized and include inspecting its own breeders; zero tolerance for neglect and abuse; and recognizing the obligations of dog owners to abide by clean-up ordinances, leash laws, nuisance laws and other reasonable regulations. For more information visit: www.akc.org

U.S. Senate Resolution 393:

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the contributions of the American Kennel Club.

Whereas the American Kennel Club (AKC), headquartered in New York City, with an operations center in Raleigh, North Carolina, was founded in 1884, operates the world's largest registry of purebred dogs and is the Nation's leading not-for-profit organization devoted to the advancement, study, responsible breeding, care, and ownership of dogs;

Whereas the American Kennel Club approves, sanctions, and regulates the events of its 609 member clubs and monitors more than 4,000 licensed and sanctioned clubs throughout the United States who hold events under American Kennel Club rules and regulations;

Whereas in 2008, the American Kennel Club sanctioned or regulated 22,630 sporting events that included breed conformation, agility, obedience, earthdog, herding, field trial, retrieving, pointing, tracking, and coonhound events;

Whereas the American Kennel Club honors the canine-human bond, advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners, and promotes responsible dog ownership;

Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and breeding practices and supports thousands of volunteers and teachers from affiliated clubs across the country who teach responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs;

Whereas the American Kennel Club founded and supports the AKC Humane Fund, which promotes the joy and value of responsible pet ownership by supporting breed rescue activities, educating adults and children about responsible dog ownership, and assisting human-services organizations that permit domestic abuse victims access to shelters with their pets;

Whereas the American Kennel Club trains and employs kennel inspectors and conducts over 5,200 kennel inspections each year;

Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership, care, and handling of dogs to over 21,000 youths ages 9 to 18 years old enrolled in its National Junior Organization;

Whereas the American Kennel Club is the largest purebred dog registry in the world and the only registry that incorporates health screening results into its permanent dog records;

Whereas the American Kennel Club offers the largest and most comprehensive set of DNA programs for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity to ensure reliable registration records;

Whereas the American Kennel Club created and supports the Canine Health Foundation (CHF), which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies, and has donated over \$22,000,000 to the CHF since 1995;

Whereas the American Kennel Club created and operates DOGNY: America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs, which supports canine search and rescue organizations across the United States;

Whereas the American Kennel Club annually awards \$170,000 in scholarships to veterinary and veterinary technical students;

Whereas the American Kennel Club has reunited more than 340,000 lost pets and their owners through the AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program;

Whereas the American Kennel Club established the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, which certifies dogs with good manners at home and in the community;

Whereas the American Kennel Club maintains the world's largest dog library and the Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, which houses one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts, both of which are open to the public; and

Whereas the American Kennel Club celebrates its 125th anniversary this year: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors the American Kennel Club for its service to dog owners and the United States public.

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The American Kennel Club (AKC), proudly celebrates its 125th Anniversary in 2009. Since 1884 the not-for-profit organization has maintained the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world, and today its rules govern more than 20,000 canine competitions each year. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its nearly 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Companion Animal Recovery and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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Animal Limit Laws: Better Alternatives

Why Limit Laws Don't Work

When animal control concerns arise, legislators often look to limit laws as a quick fix. In reality, limit laws cause more problems than they solve. Here is why:

- Limit laws do not address the heart of the problem, which is irresponsible dog ownership.
- There is no link between a specific number of dogs and nuisance problems. One dog that barks or runs loose will cause trouble, while several dogs that are quiet and stay home will not.
- Limit laws are extremely difficult to enforce and can be evaded by irresponsible animal owners.
- Limit laws may result in a decrease in the number of dogs licensed, since individuals may choose not to license their pets as a way to avoid giving up a beloved pet. Animal control officers therefore have no way of knowing how many pets an owner has unless they make regular door-to-door inspections, an expensive and time-consuming process that in many cases would require a search warrant. A drop in licensing would also severely impact a community's animal control budget.
- Hoping to evade limit laws, pet owners may try to hide the number of dogs they own. To do so, owners avoid taking their animal to veterinarians and getting needed vaccinations. This not only jeopardizes public health, but also affects rabies prevention and threatens public safety.
- People who are forced to give up their dogs due to limit laws usually relinquish them to local shelters, creating additional financial and emotional burdens for animal control and shelter officials.
- Limit laws would impact those who rescue unwanted animals and either adopt them or find them permanent homes.
- Limit laws target all owners, regardless of their actions or the behavior of their animals. Responsible owners should be allowed to use their own discretion in determining the number of dogs they can keep on their own property.



Better Solutions Include:

- Vigorous enforcement of animal control and nuisance regulations, that often already exist, designed to keep communities safe and enjoyable for everyone.
- Effective leash and clean up laws prevent irresponsible owners from letting their pets run loose, possibly endangering the public and other animals.
- Public education campaigns to teach residents about responsible dog ownership, such as how to properly care for and interact with pets.
- Use of an arbitrator to mediate neighborhood animal disputes would help settle personal arguments that are not indicative of an animal control problem.
- Alternative sentencing for nuisance law violators, including participation in obedience training classes or community service at an animal shelter.



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